

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

2 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 274)

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: 18 B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy LINZ INDL. AREA (48-18N, 14-19E); target time 1135A to 1145A. 12 B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy LINZ INDL. AREA; target time 1123A to 1130A. 10 B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy LINZ INDL. AREA; target time 1112A to 1118A. 12 B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy LINZ INDL. AREA; target time 1100A to 1107A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide fighter sweep in the UDINE AREA to cover AF stream on penetration and withdrawal.

2. Reduced effort B-24s 3 PFF A/C of 451st BG, 3 PFF A/C of 461st BG, and 2 PFF A/C of 484th BG will attack by individual A/C INNSBRUCK M/Y (47-16N, 11-24E) on 3 December 1944. This is Plan Able (PFF Force).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None. 1st A/C of 461st BG will leave departure point (West end of LAKE LESINA at 0756A. 1st A/C of 484th BG will leave departure point at 0758A. 1st A/C of 451st BG will leave departure point at 0759A. Departure point altitude will be 8,000 ft for all A/C.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later.
WING FORMATION: None.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Stream of Wgs in order- 49th-304th-55th-47th-5th Wgs.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead- 484th BG- 451st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: COAST (45-32N, 12-43E) Minimum Altitude 22,000 ft. Key Point time for 1st A/C of 461st BG- 0931A; Key Point time for 1st A/C of 484th BG- 0933A; Key Point for 1st A/C of 451st BG- 0935A.

TURN POINT #1: NEUKIRCHEN (47-16N, 12-17E).

INITIAL POINT: WORGEL (47-29N, 12-04E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 243°.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI K-10/11 on TgtCh 14-13-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1st A/C of 461st BG- 1019A; 1st A/C of 484th BG- 1021A; 1st A/C of 451st BG- 1022A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG- 27,500 ft, 27,000 ft, 26,500 ft), (484th BG- 26,000 ft, 25,500 ft), (451st BG- 25,000 ft, 24,500 ft, 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 1885 ft.

RALLY: Sharp Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
(2) A/C will be at bombing altitude at TP #1.
(3) PFF A/C will attack individually.
(4) All crews will be instructed to turn back if weather conditions do not provide sufficient cloud cover.
(5) In event enemy fighter A/C are encountered immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C employing A/C formation call sign and codeword "Shortbread" on VHF Channel Able. Approximate position and number of enemy A/C encountered will be given.
(6) There will be no WX Recon A/C.
(7) 461st BG will load two A/C with four (4) bombs per A/C fused for long delay of six (6) hours to maximum. One A/C of 484th BG and one A/C of 451st BG will load four (4) bombs per A/C fused for long delay of six (6) hours to maximum available. One A/C of the 461st BG and one A/C of the 451st BG will load one leaflet bomb each.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Foathold"), (47th Wg, "Largecup"), (451st BG, "Shockproof 3"), (461st BG, "Shockproof 1"), (484th BG, "Shockproof 2"), (55th WG, "Playfair"), (304th Wg, "Lacework").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Keyword.
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Skipper"), (47th Wg, "Blackjack"), (49th Wg, "Carson"), (55th Wg, "Trumpet"), (304th Wg, "Dogface"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Pickpocket").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 461st BG, 451st BG and 484th BG load 2 cartons Windows (CHA-3-(3)). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 3 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

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